

Cherry Chatter



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EDITORIAL

Rainwater Tanks

I am sure most of us have rainwater tanks that we use either for the garden or the house instead of what is now very expensive mains water. A recent study by the CSIRO, however, has shown that a large percentage of households may not be aware of some of the maintenance requirements that come with rainwater tank ownership.

Now while I am sure most of our tanks would now be full it is not too late to do some maintenance so that when the hot dry summer months arrive the quality of the rainwater you are storing is good and healthy.

The top 5 tips for maintaining your rainwater tank are:

1. Keep the gutters clean – every 3 months
 - Cleaning out the gutters is a simple way to improve the water quality and the efficiency of the tank. As well as leaf matter sometime faecal matter can be found in gutters from possums, rats, mice etc
 - Look into installing gutter meshing and there are a range of accessories that can be installed to filter out debris from the roof and gutters.
2. Mizzie mesh – every 3 months
 - A rainwater tank is a great place for mosquitoes and pests to set up shop and thrive. Without good quality mesh, pests or vermin can get into the tank.
 - Poorly maintained mesh can pose a risk to your health, particularly if populations of disease carrying insects are free to multiply in the rainwater tank hotel in your backyard.
3. Spend some quality time getting to know your water quality – every 6 months
 - Some households use rainwater for the toilet or the washing machine so cleanliness of the water is

less important. However, for those properties that use the water for showers, drinking or cooking, checking the water quality is crucial.

- In the study they found that 57 per cent of tanks had discoloured water and 19 per cent had odorous water, while 25 per cent of tanks had medium or high concentrations of sediment.
4. Look after the pump – every 6 months
 - The condition of the pumps and outlets will affect the quality of the water and the efficiency of how you can access and use the water. A well-maintained system can also protect against long-term damage.
 - The study found that in homes with pumps installed, 5 per cent were not functioning and 18 per cent of properties inspected were reported to have leaky pipes. Don't waste this valuable resource.
 5. It's time to de-sludge
 - It is recommended that households organise the removal of sediment using a qualified contractor once every two to three years. This job requires specialized equipment so may not be something you want to do yourself.

The study also pointed out how important it is to make sure tank founda-



RAINFALL REPORT

June 2016	176.6
June 2015	41.0
Average for June	130.2
End of June 2016	475.2
End of June 2015	373.2
Average end of June	412.2

tions are level, and that the pump has a reliable water switch.

As I am sure you already know we are having an unusually wet winter. June was a particularly wet month and July is shaping up the same already. For those that have lived in Cherry Gardens for a while it feels a lot like it used to be 20 + years ago.

We have had a few emails from locals supporting our position in regards to the objection we made to the development application by The NBN Co. to place a 40 metre tower next to the kid's playground at the Rec Ground to provide a Fixed Wireless broadband service to Cherry

Gardens instead of a Fibre system. So far we have not had any feedback from the council in regards to our objection other than to acknowledge that they received it. We will keep you updated when we hear more.

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NEXT CC MEETING

Next meeting is at the Blackwood Golf Club on **Sunday 7th August** at 12 noon followed by lunch.
Articles to be received 5th of each month

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:-

Opinions and articles printed in the Cherry Chatter are not necessarily shared by the members of the Cherry Chatter Committee.

NOTE – The Cherry Chatter Committee will not approve any controversial article for publishing unless the name and address of the author is supplied.

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HALL NEWS

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We have recently put up some additional photos in the foyer of the Hall reflecting the history of Cherry Gardens. Please spend some time to have a look next time you are at the Hall. There are some photos for which we need additional information, so if you are able to shed any light on them, please pass that on to any member of the Hall Committee.



CHERRY GARDENS TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Teams play on Tuesday & Thursday nights.

For more information regarding table tennis contact:

Gwenda Frith – 8270 1116 or
Edie Brooks – 0407 798 418

The Table Tennis season has now commenced. Anyone interested in playing Table Tennis for Cherry Gardens please contact Edie on **0407798418**.

COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE

Remember the Community Campfire on 20th August, from 5pm to 8pm. We will have the following available to keep you sustained...

- Sausage Sizzle \$2.50
- Soup and Damper \$5.00
- Glass of Wine \$5.00
- Cake and Coffee \$2.00
- Bring the kids, and if they want to bring some marshmallows they can toast them (under supervision) on a camp oven.

It should be a great event, we look forward to seeing you there.



- Divisions 1 & 2 play on Tuesday nights
 - Divisions 3 & 4 play on Thursday nights
- Hope to see you there!



GARDEN CLUB

NEXT MEETINGS

The Cherry Gardens Garden club met on the 13th June for our Winter Warmers night. This is a social evening where we meet early and share a meal of soup bread and cheese followed by deserts. After the meal two of our members facilitated a quiz. It was a cold, wet wintery night and we had quite a few apologies, so about 20 people attended and a good time was had by all. A lot of work went into organising the quiz and I would like to

take this opportunity to thank the facilitators for their work, also to the soup and dessert makers.

Those who did attend had a good night. The facilitators brought in a lot of humour to their role and our evening was filled with fun and laughter. Most of the questions were garden related. Some of them were challenging so it also increased our knowledge of gardening. But most of all it was fun. There was plenty of time for people to connect with each other. The value of this kind of evening is the connection. It is a very friendly club and many friendships are made. The evening was a lot of fun and the feedback was very positive. People enjoyed the evening and went away in high spirits.

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OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Well that wet weather certainly arrived (in bucket loads!). Great for the paddocks, but very messy for a couple of months. As I said last month, this may be the time where water-logging really shows up. This can really highlight areas that are not draining well, or where water is collecting, say around traffic areas like gates etc. It's a good idea to have a map of your paddocks and mark out these problem spots so that they can be addressed in the drier weather. If it is a pedestrian area like a small gate, then pavers can be a good solution to the problem. Putting them in now while the ground is soft gives the pavers a chance to 'bed in'. Bargain pavers are often to be had on Gumtree, so you can keep the costs down.

Many horses will have lost condition by now, but do be alert in the next few months for that 'spring flush' as hours of daylight increase and sugars are rising in the grasses. In the hills (lovely as they are), this is a real management problem and it pays to know your horse(s) very well. If they have foundered in the past, then the risks are greater. Any of the pony



breeds are also more at risk. Regular exercise is a major factor in helping to keep your horse safe, apart from the obvious food control, and this is where the danger arises. When the weather is inclement we tend not to be out and about riding and exercising our steeds, but it is just the time to be more careful about this. Daily checking is important, knowing your horse's habits, where they stand (lie) and for how long. Also how they are standing, as quite often a horse which is foundering will stand with the front feet out in front, taking the weight off his toes. When this is the case, immediate veterinary attention is needed as well as removing the horse from free access to paddock feed. Horses being social creatures will often do better

with a paddock companion. This will help keep the feed down as well as keep the two of them moving. This is also closer to their natural tendencies and can help reduce any stereotypies such as fence walking, crib biting etc. If your horse is an 'only' horse, he will rely on you for companionship as well as extra food, so it important to keep contact regularly and not leave him in solitary confinement (figuratively speaking).

Speaking for myself, my weight is well down on what it was a couple of months ago. I was up around 500kg, with bits of cellulite around my bum (not a good look!). Now I am down to around 470kg, much trimmer and feeling more energetic. My owners try hard to keep me at this level, but come the spring grasses we shall see. Generally I am ridden 3-4 times a week, so this helps too.

Well good luck everyone with diets and paddock management! Safe riding,
Hamish

CFS NEWS

Will you join your CFS?



Keeping our skills honed to facilitate responses at different times of the year always remains a challenge from structure fires to motor vehicle accidents as well as providing appropriate emergency rescue and rendering first aid, all a part of the challenge! Many locals think the CFS is just a bushfire response brigade. While summer fire-fighting is extremely important it remains only a small part of what we do.

At Cherry Gardens our members come from a very broad and diverse group. We have police officers, nurses, builders, truckies, semi and fully retired, uni students and general "dogs bodies" who just work in any area. We

are in general all time poor but we can always raise a crew in five minutes and be on the road responding to assist you, our community who always support us.

We are always on the lookout for new members. Our station not only supplies crew for three appliances but also a group base radio communications team on a fortnightly rotating roster.

Ages of our members currently sit at our youngest at seventeen and our oldest at seventy two!

Will you join us? Call 8370 3600 and we can arrange for you to come to the station for a tour and no obligation discussion.

Cherry Gardens CFS Brigade



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WELCOME

The Cherry Chatter committee would like to welcome the newly settled families who have recently moved into the Cherry Gardens area.

We hope you love living here as much as we do.

The **Cherry Chatter** is also on Facebook, so please 'Like' us...



www.facebook.com/Cherry-Chatter

MINTON FARM

An injured Adelaide Rosella brought to the Centre recently was the 10,000th animal to be admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. The bird was found near the Tonsley Hotel on South Rd, dazed and with its tail severed. After stabilization, it was housed in an aviary with another rosella, to recuperate. Shortly afterwards, it was released successfully close to where it was found.

There have been double that number of animals and birds assisted over the past 24 years by Minton Farm via phone, email, web and Facebook advice.

The latest bird of prey to be admitted was a Brown Falcon from Angaston. It had been hung in a barb wire fence by its wing. Although the wing was weakened by the muscle damage it received, the bones were all intact. It progressed through the hospital and small flight cage well, eating everything it was offered and after a week or more, it was perching on the highest perch in the flight cage, proving it could not only manage flight, but also had the ability to gain altitude. I placed it into the 30 foot long, 12 foot high shade cloth lined flight to test his ability and build up his strength. To my delight he was able to fly the length of the flight several times without detriment after a few days. He was fed a good feed then released back into his territory again. This bird was on death row, as the rescuer had been advised to euthanize the bird without giving him time to recover and gain strength. As they say "time heals all"...well sometimes?

We are grateful to the Flagstaff Hill Dental Clinic for donating the resin and UV light to mend a fractured tortoise shell. This animal was returned safely to its home in Hahndorf weeks earlier than it would have been able to without the resin seal. Thank you!

The Minton Farm Volunteer Program runs Tuesday or Thursday 10am to 2pm. To enrol please email mintonfarm@adam.com.au to request a day to try it out.

Donations may be made to Minton Farm Rescue Fund, Bank SA, BSB 105 078 Account 056 591 840. We can also take credit card payments at any time. We have Entertainment Books available anytime.

Thank you for your assistance to continue our free community service.

Cheers, Bev.

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GARDEN CLUB (contd. from p 2)

Next Meetings

Monday 8th August, A.G.M. - Wildflowers of WA subs are due

Monday 12th Sep. Felicity Franks from Eco Waterlands discussing garden ponds, their design, installation and maintenance

Our Plant Stall on Polling Day was successful - we raised \$270 of which \$100 will be donated to the C.G. Memorial Hall and the remainder to Riding for the Disabled. Thanks to those who donated plants or time on the Stall, as well as those of you who purchased plants.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST

If you haven't pruned your roses- do it now. If you don't know what to do, just cut off any rootstock suckers and dead or weak branches, then reduce the bush by at least a third! Take a few cuttings of your favourite rose - plant in a semi-shaded position, keep moist and soon you will have some extra plants for putting out next year!

It is a good time to fertilize garden plots now as slow acting organic fertilizers take at least a month to break down and become available.

Gladiolus planted now will flower in approx. 100 days.

Now is a good time to restore your lawn where it is low or the dog has been digging.

The soil is still too cool for planting out most veggies, but keen gardeners will have their tomato seedlings in pots in a warm sunny spot. Broad Beans love the cold and can still be planted.



IBCG Football Club

Ironbank Cherry Gardens footy club sends a shout out to all of our friends in the local community.



IRONBANK CHERRY GARDENS
FOOTBALL CLUB

Even though there is no Footy on at the moment, due to last weeks Bye and a couple of consecutive away games, there is still activity at Thunder Park.

The oval fence upgrade has started and is coming together, if the rain could stay away it might progress a little quicker but nevertheless it's still on schedule. The new fence will be a chainmesh style fence with top and bottom rails and will be about a metre high.

This is an exciting development for the club and we send out a huge Thankyou to the SCIB cricket club who have co funded this project. We think the chainmesh style fence will not only be safer for the players and spruce the grounds up, it will also make the oval more versatile for our local community.

After the fence is complete we will be installing a goal net at the southern end as well, thanks to receipt of a couple of grants and to all those that have contributed to date in our GoFundMe campaign. We are still raising the funds to get the Northern Goal net done so if you wish to support us in this please head to gofundme.com/27gtvztu and donate, every little bit helps.

Hopefully most of you are aware the Footy club is celebrating our 30th anniversary this year.

We developed a heritage Guernsey which is a modernised replica of our original woollen Guernsey worn in 1986 the writing, the front depicts the name of every player who has played at least one A grade game for the club.

There has been fantastic feedback on this Guernsey and the players loved it, so keep an eye out, maybe a new Guernsey could be on the way? The players wore this at our last game against Blackwood and we auctioned them off that evening.

It turned out to be great night and was a great fundraiser. A special thanks to Rob Shearwood of Mortgage Choice Adelaide Hills for his generous support. Rob kindly donated the heritage Guernseys, so all money raised went straight to the club.

A reminder that our 30 years of Thunder celebration is on July 23rd 7:30pm at Heathfield High School. It will be a great night, so If you haven't yet got your ticket, get in quick and contact Dan Axford on 0401 178 524

Results wise things haven't gone according to plan for our A grade who are a few wins out of the top five at 7th place. Our B's are sitting fifth in a tight top five with a 3 game buffer to 6th so they should be playing footy in sunshine in September while our C's are in 4th spot and will be playing finals. We are hosting the C grade Semi finals on Fri 5th August under lights, the Thunderers will be playing so we'd love it if you come along and support them

On the Junior front our Senior Colts are 7th on the ladder but in a very tight race are only % from 4th spot. The Junior Colts are placed 4th only 1 point behind second place so are very likely to be playing finals. Our Minicolts are unlikely to be playing finals but the very young team has improved dramatically over the course of the season and we can expect great things from them next year.

Our busy social calendar continues with the 90's theme night held on Sat 16th July, and our Thunderball on 6th August. If you like a great Curry join us for dinner on Sat 20th August for In Style Catering's Curry night bought us by Adam Bishop. Bish's curries are developing a cult following around the club!



A Grade heritage game



B Grade heritage game

Good luck to our Netball and Tennis teams in coming weeks, look forward to seeing you up at the Club

GO THUNDERERS !

Bruce Heithersay

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NETBALL NEWS

The season is just over halfway through and the players are working well together in their teams. Half of our senior and junior teams are in a top four position. Congratulations to Top of the ladder teams: League, C1, 15 & under div 2 (gold) and to the others who occupy second spot – A (green), B2 (green), 15 & under Div 1 (Green), 13 & under div 2, 13 & under div 3 and 11 & under div 2 and 13 & under div 1 (gold) in fourth. Some teams won't make the finals, however the progress of their teams and the skills being learnt and applied is great to see.

Please keep Sunday 7th August free and join us for our movie day – further info will be on the facebook page and website shortly



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Natural Resources – Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges

Saving the Belair bandicoots

Work has begun on a bandicoot 'super-highway' to help save this endangered species from disappearing from Belair National Park.

Recent genetic studies show the Southern Brown Bandicoots in Belair have become cut off from the nearest bandicoot population, in Mark Oliphant Reserve, five kilometres away. Scientists believe the two populations can reconnect by a habitat corridor, the super-highway, to enable them to interbreed to maintain the genetic viability of the species.

To create the superhighway, 19 landholders who own properties between the two reserves are making their land bandicoot-friendly, thanks to support from Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges and Sturt Upper Reaches Landcare group. Extensive weeding and planting with native species will help create the habitat bandicoots like best. This complex vegetation community of up to 200 plant species, dominated

by low heaths, will create a dense understory where bandicoots can safely shelter from foxes and cats.

South Australia once had seven species of bandicoot, but this has dwindled to just one species remaining due to loss of habitat and feral predators.

It's hoped that engaging multiple landholders on connected properties will be a more effective way to protect a species than trying to protect it on individual properties or in national parks alone. The role of Sturt Upper Reaches Landcare group in connecting with and involving the local community has been vital to the success of this project.

ABC News recently reported on the bandicoot project and you can view the story here. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-03/bandicoot-boost-er/7476894>

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You can become an expert too, and even discover a new species! This project is supported by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board, Zoos SA, Beach Energy, and the City of Onkaparinga.



TREES FOR LIFE

Trees For Life is looking for more volunteers who might like to join us for small group activities at a range of bush locations.

We have activities coming up in Upper Sturt and Cherry Gardens. If people are interested in bushland, want a nice day out with like-minded people with no obligation, they can register their interest with us on 8406 0500. All activities are supervised by our highly skilled Regional Coordinators. We provide equipment, safety gear and guidance for the task at hand. And we offer both half day and whole day activities, called Bush Action Teams (BATs), or mini-Bush Action Teams (mini-BATs).

Please check out our website for more information.

<http://www.treesforlife.org.au/bushland/workshops-and-events/come-try-bush-care-activity-first>

Thanks so much for your help!

Regards Tania.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

After the interesting article in Cherry Chatter, I checked the NBN site for more information on fixed WiFi internet. To my surprise I found that Satellite NBN was now available at my address on Ackland Hill Road. This may be due to our distance from the proposed new tower (we are next to Woodcutters Rd), however it would allay your health concerns if it were deployed for whole of Cherry Gardens.

I have also checked addresses at both ends of Cherry Gardens Road, and Skymuster is available. Maximum download available is 25 megabits/sec (typically 22) and prices seem comparable to Telstra ADSL which only gives me 3 Mb/s. The only doubt is in

regards to the contract with Telstra which may incur cancellation fees as they do not offer Skymuster.

For readers to check their own address go to 'NBN satellite internet' on their browser. A list of suppliers will be provided.

Hope this helps,

Ken

Letter to the Editor

I recently had a significant amount of personal documents to dispose of, and to be sure they were destroyed I looked for Document Destruction Services in the Yellow Pages. They were all based north of the city, but I noticed a company called Shredlogix, and remember seeing one of their vans in the local area. I called and they

advised me that they service our area every Tuesday. They have dropped off a lockable bin to home, which they will leave for 2 weeks and then collect and destroy the contents. The price was very reasonable, and I suspect not many locals would know the service was available in our area.

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Bill Semple

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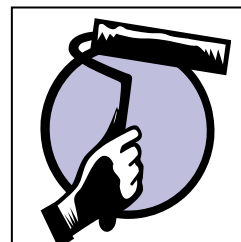
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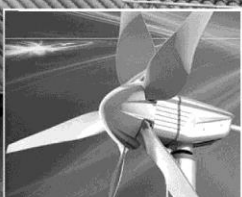
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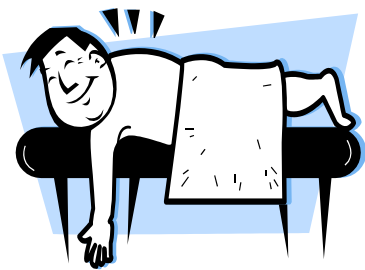
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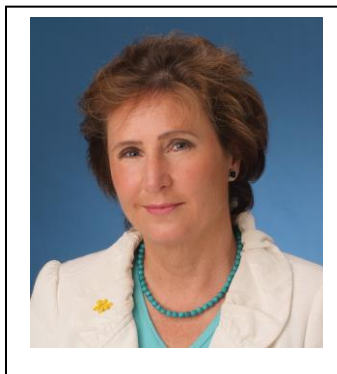
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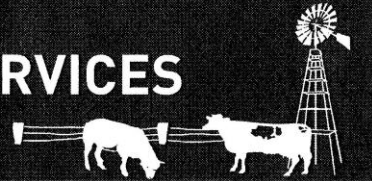


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